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SUBJECT: CANADIAN CHARGE'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. ON JULY 19 CANADIAN CHARGE MCKINNEY CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AT CANADIAN'S REQUEST TO REVIEW CYPRUS SITUATION. MCKINNEY HANDED OVER STATEMENT REGARDING CYPRUS BY MITCHELL SHARP IN OTTAWA JULY 18 AND HIGHLIGHTED THOSE PORTIONS CALLING FOR RETURN OF CONSTITUTIONALLY VALID GOVERNMENT TO CYPRUS AND WITHDRAWAL FROM CYPRUS OF GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD. MCKINNEY NOTED THAT CANADIAN PUBLIC OPINION IS STRONGLY AGAINST CURRENT GREEK GOVERNMENT AND SAID THAT IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE QUICKLY TO RESTORE SITUATION IN CYPRUS, THERE MIGHT BE LOSS OF PU3LIC SUPPORT FOR NATO IN CANADA.

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2. HARTMAN REPLIED THAT USG KNOWS IT WILL BE RECIPIENT

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OF BRICKBATS FROM PEOPLE HERE AND ABROAD WHO DO NOT LIKE
THE IOANNIDES REGIME AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE US TAKE
A STAND ON THE POLITICAL AND MORAL EQUITITIES OF THE
CYPRUS SITUATION AS THEY UNDERSTAND THEM. HOWEVER, THE
USG HAS THE VERY STRONG FEELING THAT IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY
INFLUENCE AT ALL WITH ALL THE ACTORS IN THIS DRAMA IN
ORDER TO (A) RESTORE THE DELICATE BALANCE ON CYPRUS
AND (B) PREVENT TURKEY AND GREECE FROM GOING TO WAR,
WE MUST NOT TAKE ANY PUBLIC STANCE WHICH WOULD ALIENATE
ANY MAJOR ACTOR. THE MAIN QUESTION AT THE MOMENT
IS TO PREVENT A CONFLICT BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE WHICH
WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR NATO BY
INTRODUCING NEW INSTABILITY INTO THE EASTERN MEDITERRA-
NEAN AND CREATING A FERTILE GROUND FOR SOVIET
MACHINATIONS. HARTMAN SAID CURRENT SISCO TRIP TO LONDON,
ATHENS AND ANKARA IS INTENDED TO TRY TO GAIN TIME
AND EXPLORE WHETHER DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A CYPRUS
SOLUTION CAN GET UNDERWAY BEFORE ANY SIDE UNDERTAKES
SOME UNILATERAL AND IRRETRIEVABLE STEP. FOR EXAMPLE,
WE BELIEVE THAT THE NEW DE FACTO REGIME IS UNACCEPTABLE
TO TURKEY. TURKS MUST BE MADE TO APPRECIATE THAT
WE UNDERSTAND THEIR VIEW AND THAT WE ARE SEEKING TIME
TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR
VIEW OF CYPRUS AS WELL AS VIEWS OF OTHERS CENTRALLY
INVOLVED.

3. HARTMAN INDICATED THERE SEEMS TO BE STRONG MOVE-
MENT IN THE UN TO RUSH THROUGH A SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF GREEK OFFICERS FROM
CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD. HARTMAN SAID SUCH RESOLUTION
WOULD NOT ADVANCE THINGS AT THIS STAGE. COUNTRIES
PREPARED TO VOTE FOR IT MUST ASK SELVES WHAT THEY ARE
PREPARED TO DO TO IMPLEMENT IT. FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD
NON-ALIGNEDS REALLY WANT UN TO USE ARMED FORCE TO TRY
TO RE-ESTABLISH MAKARIOS REGIME? US EFFORT AT UN WILL
BE TO TRY TO STAVE OFF EARLY VOTE ON ANY SUCH RESOLUTION
FOLLOWING MAKARIOS' SPEECH. WE WILL BE URGING PERIOD
OF CALM BEFORE VOTE IS TAKEN. THERE MAY THEORETICALLY
BE SOME TYPE OF RESOLUTION WHICH COULD USEFULLY
BE PASSED EARLY IN THE GAME, IF IT WERE ONE DIRECTED
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TOWARD CALMING SITUATION; IF DIRECTED TOWARD GREEK
OFFICER REMOVAL, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT THINK RESOLUTION
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. NOTING HE WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS,HARTMAN ASKED MCKINNEY TO
CONVEY TO OTTAWA US VIEW THAT ANY STRONG UN RESOLUTION
BEFORE ALL POSSIBILITIES RELATING TO CYPRUS HAVE BEEN
CANVASSED WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN DEALING WITH ACTUAL
SITUATION. WE MUST TRY TO GET FIRST OF ALL AT BASIC

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PROBLEM OF PREVENTING WAR BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. HARTMAN ALSO REQUESTED MCKINNEY TO ASK OTTAWA FOR CANADIAN UNFICYP CONT NGENT'S ASSESSMENT OF WHAT EFFECT WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK OFFICERS FROM CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD WOULD HAVE ON LAW AND ORDERAND PARTICULARLY ON COMMUNAL SITUATIONON CYPRUS.

4. MCKINNEY ASKED ABOUT LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT UNNA-MED DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT CLERIDES, PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS' HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MIGHT BE AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. HARTMAN SAID US IS NOT CHAMPIONING ANYONE OR ADVOCATING ANY PARTICULAR SOLUTION AT THIS STAGE. WE ARE NOW SIMPLY COLLECTING FACTS AND URGING TALKS ON RETURN TO DELICATE BALANCE PROVIDED IN THE PAST BY LONDON AND ZURICH AGREEMENTS. INGERSOLL

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